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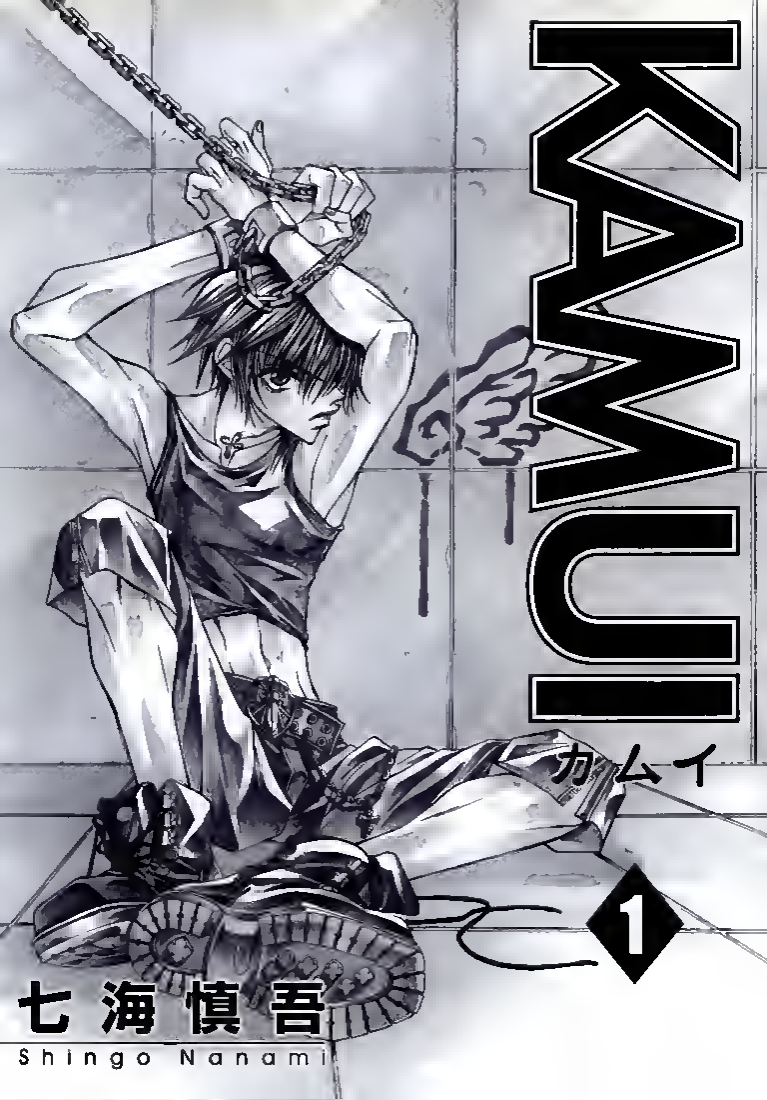
This is the second version of this volume. While I was in the middle of this story I felt pressured. So when the first volume quietly went on sale I was relieved. When I was making this, it seemed like I was being transformed.
(1) I was suddenly able to drink coffee.
(2) My eyes became strained.
(3) My muscles were in pain for two days.
I don't understand what this conclusion is. But please treat me well until the end!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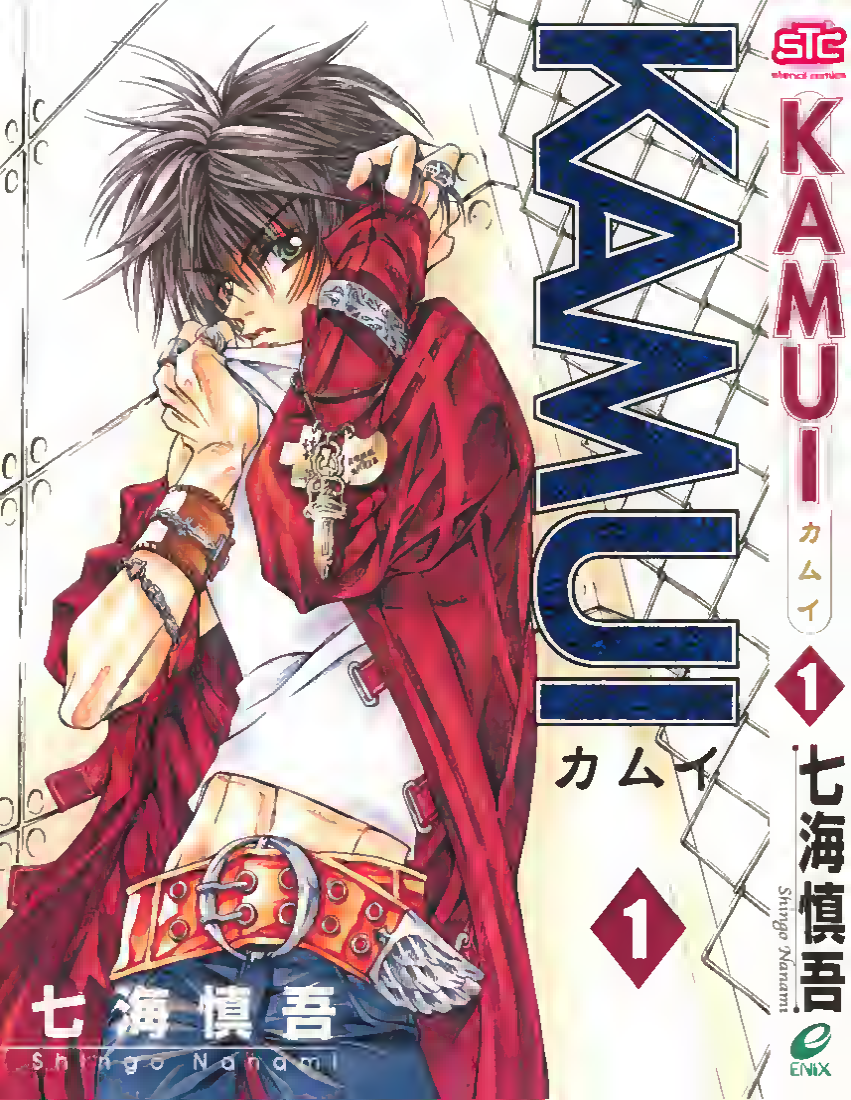
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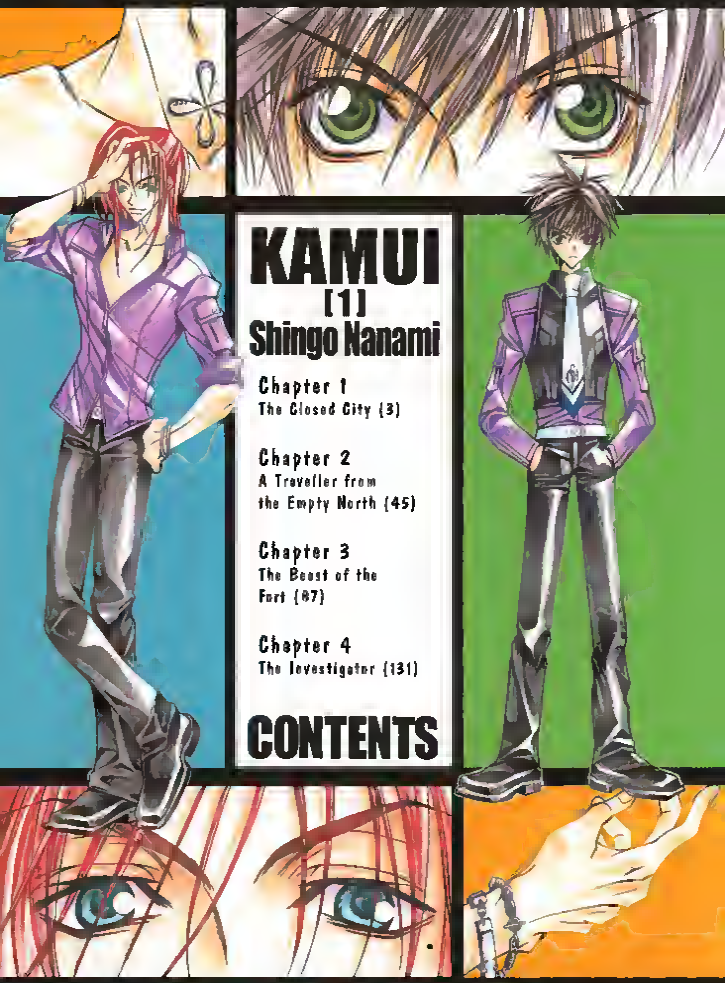
Please, don't let me alone.



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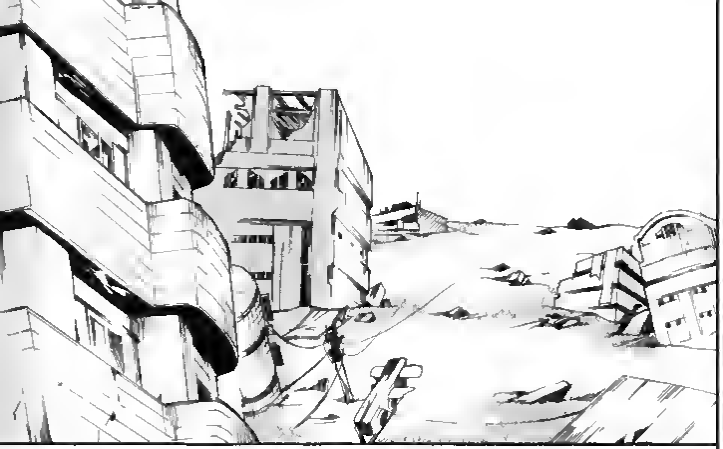
CHAPTER 1 - THE CLOSED CITY

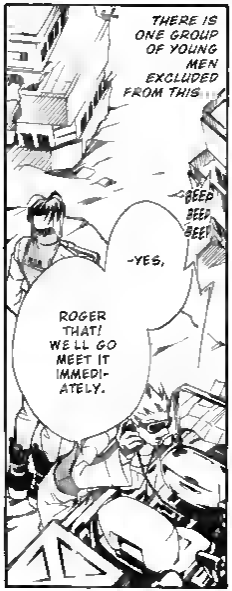
- SPIRITS DWELL IN MANY THINGS -

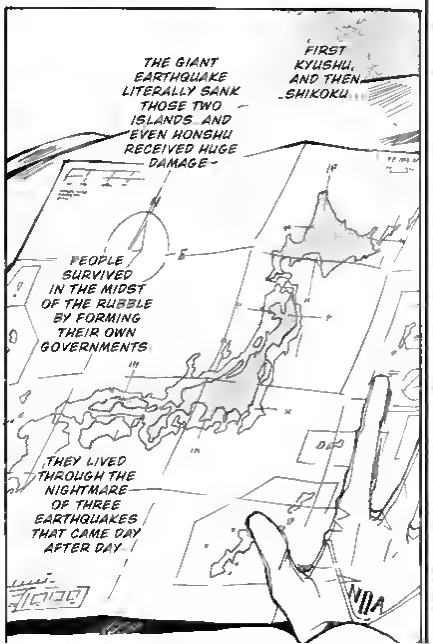
A LONG TIME AGO MANKIND LIVED TOGETHER WITH THE SPIRITS
HOWEVER, MANKIND BECAME DEPENDANT ON THEM UNTIL THEY COMPLETELY FORGOT THEIR OWN LIMITATIONS
WITH THEM WAS GLORY, WITH THEM WAS REJUVENATION
AND THEN-
OF ALL THE CITIES ONLY SEICHOU REMAINED ABOVE GROUND CONTINUING TO LEARN...
USING SCIENCE, THEY DROWNED THEMSELVES IN THE COMPUTERIZATION OF THE WORLD

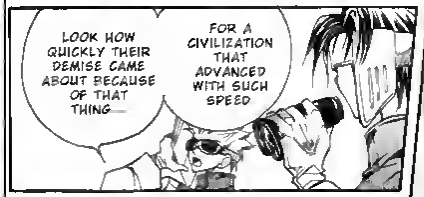
-THIS, THE END-

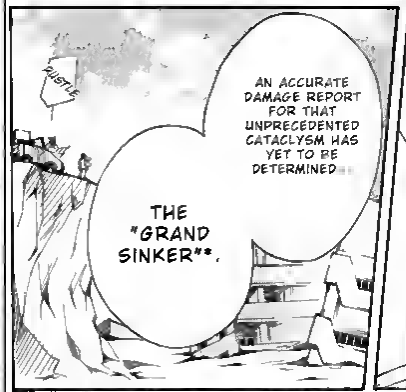
SFX WHOOSH
I DON'T SEE ANY SHADOWS






THE GIANT EARTHQUAKE LITERALLY SANK THOSE TWO ISLANDS, AND EVEN HONSHU RECEIVED HUGE DAMAGE-
FIRST KYUSHU, AND THEN SHIKOKU...
PEOPLE SURVIVED IN THE MIDST OF THE RUBBLE BY FORMING THEIR OWN GOVERNMENTS
THEY LIVED THROUGH THE NIGHTMARE OF THREE EARTHQUAKES THAT CAME DAY AFTER DAY...





*TRANS NOTE: THIS IS A DIRECT KATAKANA GLOSS TRANSLATION IT'S REFERRING TO A POWERFUL EARTHQUAKE

SFX BAM
AGAIN?
WHY DO WE HAVE TO COME TO THIS PLACE SO FREQUENTLY?
BECAUSE DURING THE CATACLYSM THOSE HUGE CREATURES APPEARED...
DAMN, I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST.
RUMBLE
IT'S NOT SUCH A BAD THING
BE QUIET. WE SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO INTERFERE WITH WHAT THE ELDERS ARE DOING ANYWAY
YEAH...
BECAUSE IF THAT POWER EXISTS THEY WOULDN'T FEAR ANYTHING...
NO MATTER WHAT...
EVEN OUR MONSTROUS COMPANION HERE-

AN ATANAN!!
SFX: WHOOSH
GOOH
AH.
AHHH!
RUN!!

IT'S POINTLESS.
MISTER, WHY AREN'T YOU RUNNING?
WHAT HUMAN BEING COULD ESCAPE FROM THAT THING?
SFX: BUILDINGS CRUMBLE/WHOOSH OF SMOKE
IT'S NOA!
SAAH
!?

SFX SCREECH
NOA'S COME!
LOOKS LIKE NOA ARRIVED
IT SEEMS LIKE WE DON'T NEED TO RUN AWAY ANY-MORE...
WHEW...
WE'RE SAVED
...NOA?
YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT THEM?
AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE, A NEW RULER APPEARED IN THIS AREA
THE YOUNG MEN THAT WERE ORIGINALLY HIS STUDENTS NOW GET TOGETHER...
AND PRETEND TO ENJOY THESE TROUBLED TIMES
EVEN US OLD FOLKS MUST OBEY THEM IN ORDER TO LIVE AS WE ARE
TAKE YOUR PICK OF TUNA
ORDERS ACCEPTED

LOOK OVER THERE
CAN YOU SEE THE INCREDIBLY TALL TOWER?
THAT'S NOA'S HEAD-QUARTERS
BEFORE THE EARTHQUAKE, GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES DID RESEARCH ON LIVING ORGANISMS THERE
IT WAS SAID THAT THEY MANIPULATED GOD'S CELLS, BUT...
IT MIGHT NOT BE JUST HAVE BEEN A RUMOR

THEY HAVE EXCELLENT EYESIGHT
IF A LARGE MONSTER CALLED THE ATANAN APPEARS,
THEY CAN DANCE IN THE AIR, AND CAN SHOOT BEAMS OF POWER FROM THEIR BODIES.
THEY WILL APPEAR AS WELL, FOLLOWING IT.

AT THE TIME OF THE CATACLYSM, DURING THE MONSTER'S ATTACK.
IS IT POSSIBLE THAT WE WERE ABANDONED BY GOD...?
FOR THE POWERFUL PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY THERE WILL NEVER BE ENOUGH CRIMES TO COMMIT WITH SCIENCE
I WONDER WHAT THE REAL REASON NOA WAS CREATED FOR.

NOT GOD
SFX SWISH
WE WERE ABANDONED BY KAMUI-

AN ATAKAN HAS APPEARED IN THE 8TH DISTRICT OF EDEN! AT PRESENT, WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF FIGHTING THE INVASION IN THE CENTRAL SECTION.
FURTHERMORE, THE SKY GENERAL IS PERSONALLY ASSIGNED TO THE COMMAND OF THE MOTOSAKU FIGHT. I REPEAT
ALL V RANK MEMBERS UNDER THE SKY GENERAL AWAIT ORDERS TO IMMEDIATELY MOVE YOUR REGIMENT TO ATTACK.
MMM...
-RE...
LADY SUMIRE
RUSTLE
...
WHAT?

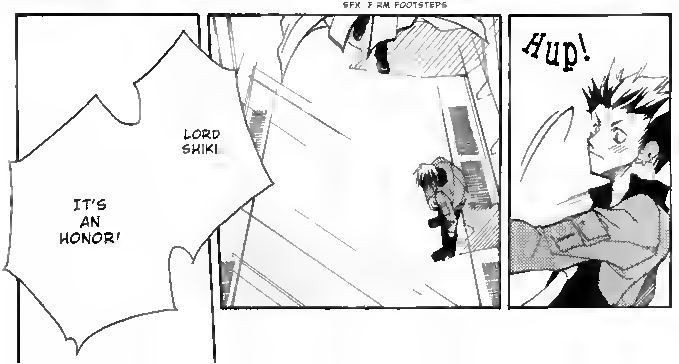
I WON'T GO THERE
BUT THEY SPECIFICALLY SAID LADY SUMIRE JUST NOW-
I DON'T WANT TO GO
THEY'RE REQUESTING THAT YOU GO OUT
I WANT TO PLAY FOR A LITTLE WHILE LONGER
IT'S FINE WHAT MISSION?
SLIDE
IS THIS OKAY? YOUR MISSION
INSTEAD OF FIGHTING, LET'S GET HOT

I HAVE A MESSAGE FROM LORD SHIKI
IT'S URGENT THAT YOU PREPARE TO DEPART
LADY SUMIRE
AIKA.
YOU'RE AS BOORISH AS EVER
E-
EXCUSE ME!
HMM— YOU'RE EXCUSED
BE CAREFUL

?
WELL
THAT FACE OF YOURS IS JUST DREADFUL
DO YOU THINK YOU'LL EVER GET A MAN LIKE THAT?
NOW, WHAT SHALL WE DO WITH YOUR HAIR?
OR AREN'T YOU INTER-ESTED?
LADY SUMIRE ...
CHUCKLE
WELL, NOA'S RULES DO PROHIBIT RELATION-SHIPS WITH THE OPPOSITE SEX,
SUCH AS THAT-
BUT IT'S FUN

SHE COMES ACROSS AS BEING EXTRAORDINARILY LIBERAL.
BUT, SHE SEEMS TO ONLY BE GETTING A TASTE OF LIFE HERE AT NOA.
SHE'S A GREAT WOMAN, ISN'T SHE? AND ONE OF THE THREE LEADERS, TOO!
NOW THAT'S A GOOD WOMAN.
AND SHE'S EVEN ONE OF THE LEADERS OF NOA!
THE HIGHEST!

SFX: FIRM FOOTSTEPS


LORD SHIKI.
IT'S AN HONOR!
Hup!

SFX: SOUND OF A BIG IMPACT
WHA...?
SHI-
WHY

-KI...
MY... LORD...
AS FOR THE PREPAR-ATIONS...
THIS ATANAN SEEMS TO BE FAIRLY DIFFICULT...
WITHOUT YOUR HELP.
HOW WOULD YOU...
DEFEAT IT?
UNDERSTOOD
SFX FOOTSTEPS

LADY SUMIRE?
I MANAGED TO SURVIVE THROUGH THE EARTH-QUAKE.
ONLY TO BE THREATENED BY A MONSTER.
THERE'S NO GUARANTEE THAT WE'LL BE ALIVE TOMORROW.
I WONDER WHO ELSE IS THINK-ING ABOUT HAVING FUN?
WHATEVER THE CASE...
IT'D BE NICE IF WE WERE DESTROYED SOONER.
SFX: SCREECH
LADY SUMIRE!!

THE FIRST GOVERNMENT SET UP IN WHAT USED TO BE TOKYO WAS NICKNAMED EDEN
OF THE WHOLE CITY, ONLY THE NATIONAL RESEARCH CENTER SURVIVED THE EARTHQUAKE... IT WAS PROTECTED FROM DAMAGE BY A BARRIER IT CREATED...
AFTER THAT, THE HARD-HEADED ELDERS DISAPPROVED OF EVEN AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE MATTER...
NOW THEY REGRET THAT COMMAND, AND WANT HELP FROM NOA...
THOSE GUYS THINK THAT IF THEY RELY ON OUR POWER THEY'LL BE ABLE TO GET BY.
THE FORMER CAPITAL CITY HAS DEGRADED TO A VILLAGE OF FILTHY MEN
WHAT WORTH COULD SUCH A PLACE HAVE NOW?

EVEN IF THOSE WITHIN NOA DIDN'T HAVE SUCH A DEEP ATTACHMENT TO OUR BIRTHPLACE...
THE ELDERS SAW THIS PLACE AND CLAIMED IT.
HERE, IN NOA,
GRASP
YOU ARE ONE OF THE THREE LEADERS, LADY SUMIRE
THEIR WISH LIVES ON.
I'M HONORED TO SERVE UNDER YOUR DIRECT COMMAND
DO AS YOU WILL WITH ME, LADY SUMIRE
-INDEED
AIKA, HAVE YOU
ALWAYS BEEN THIS STUBBORN?

HOW FUNNY!
NO ONE IS,
NOT EVEN HER.
PLEASE CALL FOR ME WHEN THE PREPARATIONS TO MARCH OUT ARE COMPLETE
I'LL GO OUTSIDE
FINE
SHE'S UNDER MY CONTROL...?
HA!
REACH
JUST LIKE HER
EVERYONE CONSIDERS ME TO BE...

SUMIRE
SFX GRAB
I SENSE IT
A NEW POWER SLIPPED INSIDE THE CITY SOME TIME AGO
HOW HAVE YOU BEEN? I'M FREE FOR A LITTLE WHILE
YOU MUST SENSE IT, THIS-

IF THE OWNER OF THIS POWER IS THIS ATANAN, THEN THE STRENGTH IT'S SHOWN UP TO NOW IS NOTHING COMPARED TO WHAT IT CAN DO
A MERE JUNIOR OFFICER WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO HANDLE IT.
I GAVE YOU THE MARCHING ORDERS SO THAT YOU CAN DETERMINE THE MASTER OF THIS POWER. WILL YOU GO?
SIGGLE
I GUESS HE WASN'T AS CAREFUL AS I TOLD HIM TO BE
IF THE PUBLIC DISCOVERED THAT THE KING OF NOA HIMSELF RAISED A HAND AGAINST A SUBORDINATE,
IT WOULD RUIN OUR IMAGE.
YOU AND I ARE THE SAME,
SHIKI, MY COMMANDER

TRUE ENOUGH
YET, THE THING I REALLY DESIRE
I HAVEN'T OBTAINED
"WHAT SHOULD I DO TO OBTAIN IT?"
I ONLY-
KABOOM
I DIDN'T COME HERE BECAUSE OF THIS CITY
CRASH

SFX: WHOOSH
SFX: BAM
WHAT'S HAPPENING!?
DID THE ATANAN JUST TRANS-FORM!?
MURMUR
WHY...
HAVING SUCH A HARD TIME!?
ARE THOSE NOA MEMBERS...

LOOK AT THAT!
WHAT WILL BECOME OF US!?
SFX WHOOSH

YOU...
AHH!
HOW LONG DO YOU INTEND TO FOOL AROUND?
SFX CLICK

IT'S LADY SUMIRE!
LADY SUMIRE!
SFX: ALRIGHT!
THAT WHITE MANTLE IS PROOF THAT SHE'S ONE OF NOA'S SUPREME LEADERS
THEIR TOP MEMBERS ARE POWERFUL, RIGHT?
WE MIGHT JUST BE SAVED!

WELL, HELLO THERE.
SFX: FWOOSH
YOU'RE KIND OF CUTE

SFX STEPS

HEY, MISTER ATANAN.
ARE YOU THE MASTER OF THE POWER
THAT THIS PLACE IS OVER-FLOWING WITH?
SFX WHOOSH
WOULD YOU MIND TELLING ME?

IT DIDN'T BLOCK MY ATTACK.
!
WHAT A DISAPPOINTMENT.
YOU CAN'T BE HIM.
SPLATTER
SFX: SPLASH
THIS POWER CAN'T BELONG TO THAT TYPE OF THING.
THUMP
SO, NOW THAT THAT'S DONE...
LICK
MY BODY IS ALMOST ACHING WITH THE ENERGY HERE-

YES!
I HATE CLEANING UP
GO DO IT FOR ME
CLINK
HMPH
SFX STARS
ALTHOUGH YOU SCREAM FOR HELP, THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS THAT YOU FEAR.
YOU INSECTS!!

NOW WITH THE ATTANAN DEFEATED AND DEAD, WHAT COULD IT BE...?
AT ANY RATE, THIS POWER WORRIES ME.
IT ONLY STARTED TO FEEL WEAK JUST NOW...
NO, THAT CAN'T BE IT.
DID SHIKI AND I SENSE IT WRONG?
THIS THING...
IS STILL...!?
TWITCH
WHAT ON EARTH IS THE SOURCE OF THIS POWER?

LADY SUMIRE!!
SFX: TURN

SFX: SLASH

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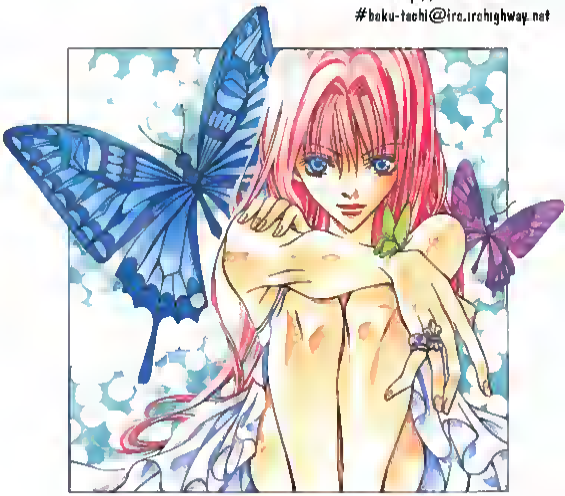

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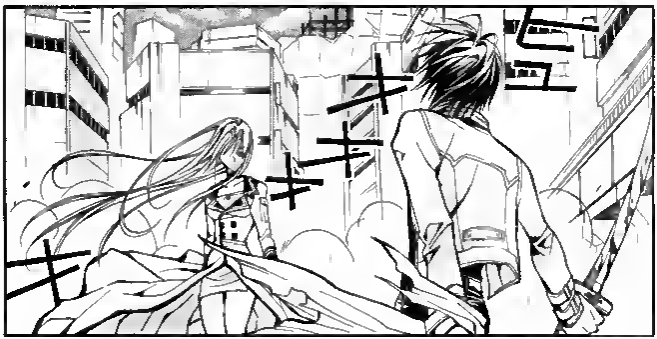
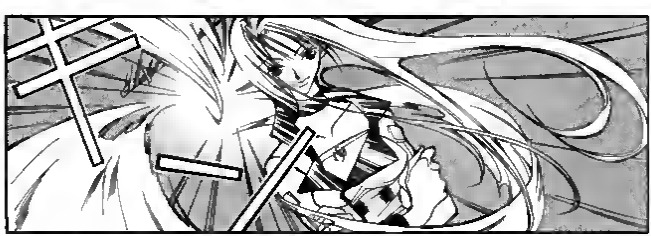


SFX WHOOSH

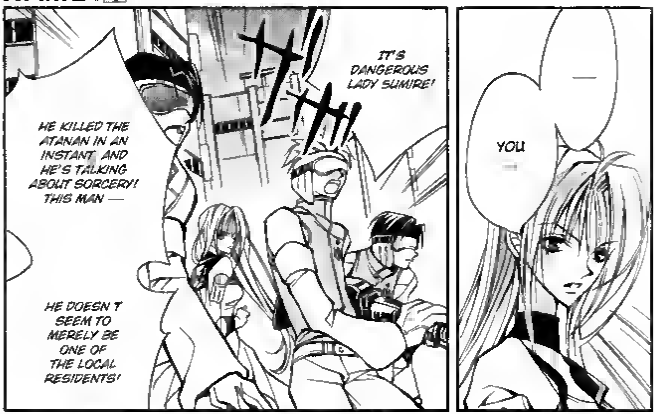
HE CUT THROUGH THE ATANAN'S OUTER SHELL WITH ONE BLOW...!?
gurgle
WHAT IS HE!?
SWISH
CHING
!?

LADY SUMIRE!!
SFX SLIDE

WHERE IS...
"IT"?
REALLY THINK YOU SAVED ME?
HMPH
DO YOU


SFX DING

DID I...
KIDNAP YOUR LOVER OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
DROP THE ACT
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
SFX: CRACK
YOU POSSESS THE BLESSED WIND...
ANYONE WHO CAN USE SORCERY MUST SURELY KNOW


IT'S DANGEROUS LADY SUMIRE!
HE KILLED THE ATANAN IN AN INSTANT, AND HE'S TALKING ABOUT SORCERY! THIS MAN —
HE DOESN'T SEEM TO MERELY BE ONE OF THE LOCAL RESIDENTS!
YOU
SFX: RUSHING

MUST BE ELIMINATED!
SFX: BANG BANG
WE HAVE TO FOLLOW OUR ORDERS! RADICALS...
SFX: CLICK
DON'T INTERFERE.
NO!
NO!! SECRETS MUST BE PROTECTED!

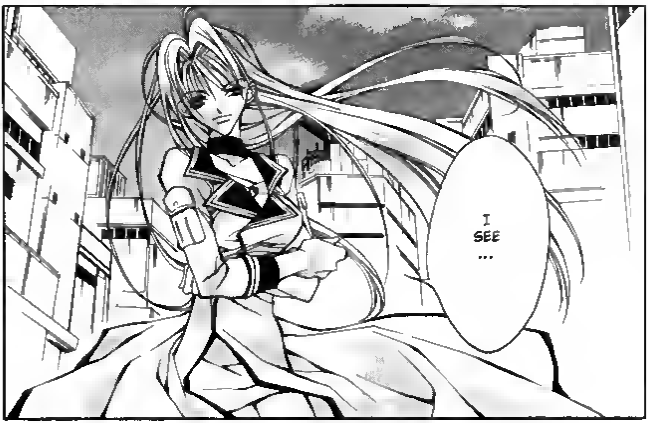
WE CAN'T ALLOW OURSELVES TO HESITATE OVER UNUSUAL BEHAVIOR
IF WE WANT TO SAVE THIS TOWN
—!?
SFX SWISH

SFX: CLATTER
SFX: CHING
IT CAN'T BE...
CLICK
HE ALSO USES SORCERY...!?
SFX: SHOCK

SFX TWIST
WHA ...!?
DIDN'T I SAY NOT TO INTERFERE?
I'LL HANDLE THIS.
SFX SWIRL

THAT WASN'T NECESSARY.
SFX: GRIND
IT WAS PAYBACK
IF YOU DIDN'T INTEND TO HELP ME.
WHY DID YOU REVEAL YOURSELF TO ME?
THE POWER I FEEL...
...IS YOURS
MY PURPOSE FOR COMING HERE—

FROM THE DISTANT NORTH,
IS TO TAKE BACK THE MIRACLE —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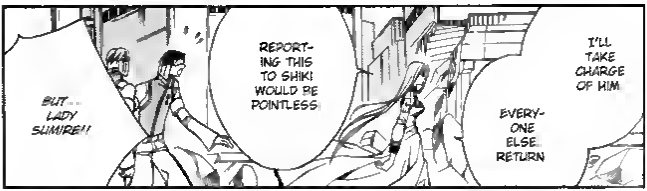
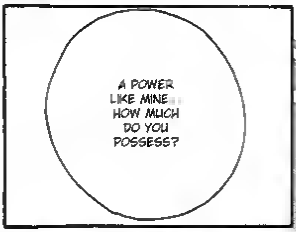

I'LL TAKE CHARGE OF HIM.
EVERY-ONE ELSE, RETURN
REPORT-ING THIS TO SHIKI WOULD BE POINTLESS.
BUT... LADY SUMIRE!!

I WON'T ALLOW ANY DEFIANCE
—SO NEXT TIME
HEED MY WARNING.
WHAT DID YOU JUST SEE?

SFX VROOM
SFX CRUMBLE
SFX BAM, CLANG
TH. THEN,
PLEASE EXCUSE US!
SO YOU'RE A TRAVELLER FROM THE NORTH?
IT DOESN'T LEND ITSELF TO A CONVER-SATION
I DON'T FEEL LIKE STAYING IN THIS BLOODY PLACE

IT'S ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THAT...
AND YET, I WONDER IF YOU WON'T TAKE YOUR TURN AND EXPLAIN THINGS...
YOU CAN'T JUST SAY NOTHING!


A POWER LIKE MINE... HOW MUCH DO YOU POSSESS?

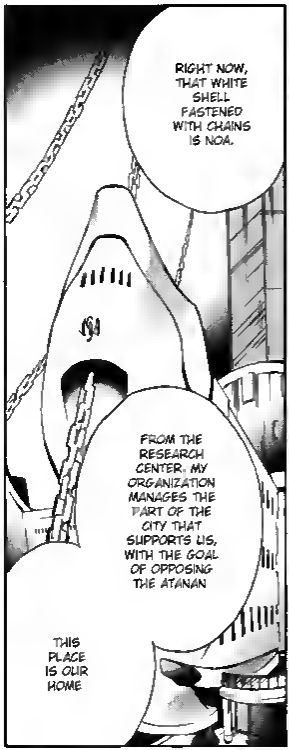
IT IS!
IT'S NOT THE SAME POWER

I DON'T PLAN ON TALKING WITH YOU
I JUST WANT TO KNOW WHERE IT'S HIDDEN

YOU'RE A "REPLICA".
YOU'RE A MAN WHO HOLDS THE SAME MONSTER'S POWER
SFX GLIDE

DO YOU REALLY KNOW NOTHING?
FOR A PERSON WHO CAN USE SORCERY
WHY WOULD YOU SAY THAT KIND OF THING?
REPLICA? HOW INTERES-TING

FROM HERE, YOU CAN SEE THE GIGANTIC TOWER IN THE HEART OF THE CITY, RIGHT?
I'LL TEACH YOU ONE THING


RIGHT NOW, THAT WHITE SHELL FASTENED WITH CHAINS IS NOA.
FROM THE RESEARCH CENTER. MY ORGANIZATION MANAGES THE PART OF THE CITY THAT SUPPORTS US, WITH THE GOAL OF OPPOSING THE ATANAN
THIS PLACE IS OUR HOME

THAT WAS THE NATIONAL BIOLOGICAL RESEARCH CENTER, WHICH PROTECTED THIS PART OF THE CITY FROM THE EARTHQUAKE
IT WAS AN ORGANIZATION UNDER THE DIRECT CONTROL OF THE OLD GOVERNMENT, WHO ENDOWED IT WITH THE MOST ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY AND INCREDIBLE POWER

BUT, IS NOA JUST A CHAINED DOG?
NO IT'S A GUINEA PIG
BECAUSE OF THE RESEARCH CENTER, WE WERE ABLE TO PLANT SEEDS OF POWER
THE "GUINEA PIGS"
YOU SEE, AS FAR AS NOA IS CONCERNED,
THE EXISTENCE OF THE RESEARCH CENTER GRANTS THEM INVULNERABILITY,
AND SO WE DON'T HAVE ANY RIGHTS

I SOLD MY BODY TO OBTAIN IT
THIS POWER...
SFX SWIRL
WE MUST CONTINUE WITH THE EXPERIMENT.
AT THE END OF A MYSTERIOUS EXPERIMENT,
ONLY THE ONES WHO ALTERNATED BETWEEN PAIN AND PLEASURE WERE CHOSEN
THAT IS NOA'S NATURE
THE UN-CHANGING ORDER IS TO CONTINUE THE FIGHT
THE ONLY WAY WE CAN LEAVE THE RESEARCH CENTER IS TO DIE THAT IS..

IF THEY FINISH GATHERING THEIR POWER,
EVERYONE'S CONCEPTIONS OF WHAT'S RIGHT AND WRONG WILL BE DESTROYED
THEN WHY DON'T YOU WANT TO BREAK AWAY FROM THOSE CHAINS?
I WONDER IF EVERYONE CAN GAIN THIS SENSE OF SECURITY BY GIVING UP THEIR BODIES TO THAT PLACE...
SOCIETY WILL BREAK DOWN FURTHER. BUT SOME PEOPLE WON'T MIND, SO LONG AS THEY CAN GAIN POWER
NO MATTER WHAT METHODS YOU USE, IT'S BETTER THAN BEING HELPLESS
PERHAPS EVERYONE COULD GAIN PEACE OF MIND THERE EH?

ONE OF THE HIGHEST LEADERS OF NOA REVEALING IT'S MOST IMPORTANT SECRETS
EVEN IF IT IS YOU, IT CAN'T BE OVERLOOKED
LADY SUMIRE
CLACK
PLEASE STOP THIS ALREADY
SFX KNEEL
FROM NOW ON, I WON'T LET YOU ANYWHERE NEAR LADY SUMIRE
AND YOU —
SFX JUMP DOWN
SO,
LADY SUMIRE LET'S RETURN—

startle
JOIN NOA.
WH-
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!?
YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO TAKE BACK THE MIRACLE.
AND WE'D HAVE NOA'S POWER.
DON'T YOU THINK WE'D BE ABLE TO FIGURE OUT THE MIRACLE'S LOCATION?

I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS YOU'RE LOOKING FOR,
BUT...
SHOULDN'T SOME CONNECTION EXIST...
IN THIS CITY SPREAD OUT BEFORE ME?

FOR EXAMPLE,
THINGS LIKE TOP SECRET GOVERNMENT INFORMATION...

IT'S POSSIBLE TO GET ANY INFORMATION YOU WANT.
WHAT NOA CAN DO IN THIS CITY IS REMARKABLE.

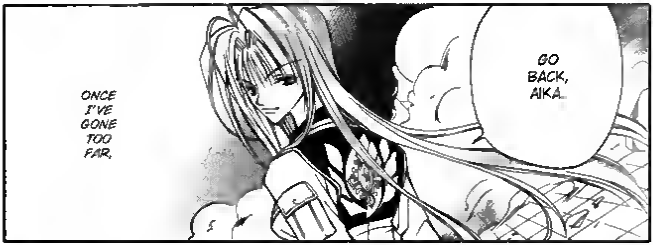
IF YOU WANT TO MOVE ABOUT FREELY, IT WOULD BE BEST TO JOIN THE TOP GROUP.

YOU WANT ME TO BECOME YOUR PET DOG?
——

THAT'S NOT IT...
SAID I'D INTERVENE ON YOUR BEHALF
!
...
SFX: SLIDE

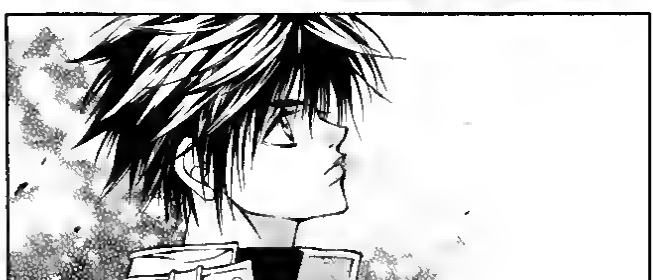
SFX: RISING POWER
LADY SUMIRE!!
SFX: KABOOM

SFX STEAM RISING
HEE HEE..
HE'S AN UNEXPECTEDLY COLD ONE.
HE MUST NOT LIKE ME
LADY SUMIRE YOU'RE HURT!
SFX TSUTSU
I'M FINE
I WAS ONLY HIT BY A SPLINTER.
IS THAT MAN'S POWER.
REALLY AS STRONG AS THE POWER OF THOSE IN NOA!?


ONCE I'VE GONE TOO FAR,
GO BACK, AIKA.

YES
...

I WON'T BE PERMI-TTED TO ESCAPE

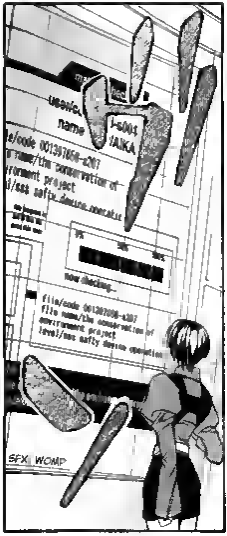


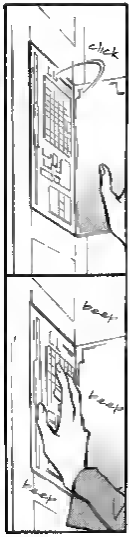
click
click
click
THE THIRD FL
DID YOU HAVE A HARD TIME? YOU'RE LATE
DID YOU FIND THE MASTER OF THAT POWER?
SUMIRE
EVERY DAY THE ATANAN'S POWER INCREASES,
BUT IN THE END I WASN'T ABLE TO FIGURE OUT THE TRUE MASTER OF THAT POWER

HEY
SHIKI
WHAT HAPPENED?
GRAB
YOU'RE BOUND BY THE CHAINS OF THIS ORGANIZATION CALLED NOA.
WHAT DO YOU DESIRE FOR YOURSELF?
WHY ASK THAT?
SUMIRE,
YOU—

SUMIRE
BRIDGE.NO003
I'M TIRED ALREADY
I'M GOING BACK TO MY ROOM
click
THE THINGS YOU SEEM TO HEAR...
DON'T MEAN ANYTHING
click
click
WHATEVER DANGER REBELL SUMIRE... DESTROY IT
SE-SBOW 3rd
THE THIRD FLOOR
SFX BOW
AIKA
I MUST BE GOING, LORD SHIKI

YES!
STEP
STEP
IT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AS THE SKY GENERAL'S AIDE.
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT, LADY SUMIRE?
LORD SHIKI NOTICED SOMETHING ABOUT YOUR APPEARANCE WHEN YOU ARRIVED
WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO ABOUT THAT MAN?
BRING UP THE "CEP" DATA ON THE MONITOR
AIKA,


SFX: WOMP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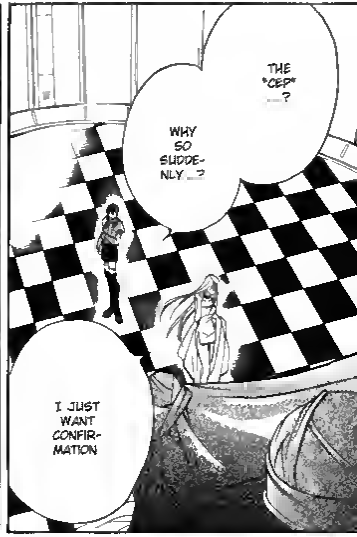
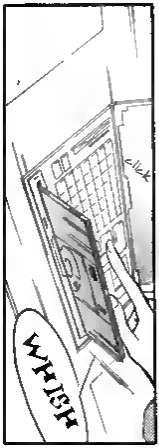
beep


THE "CEP" ...?
WHY SO SUDDE-NLY ...?
I JUST WANT CONFIR-MATION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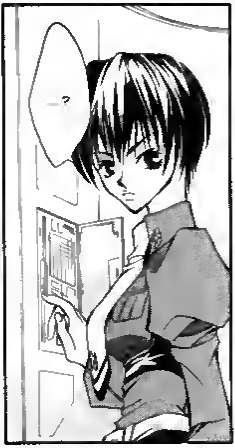
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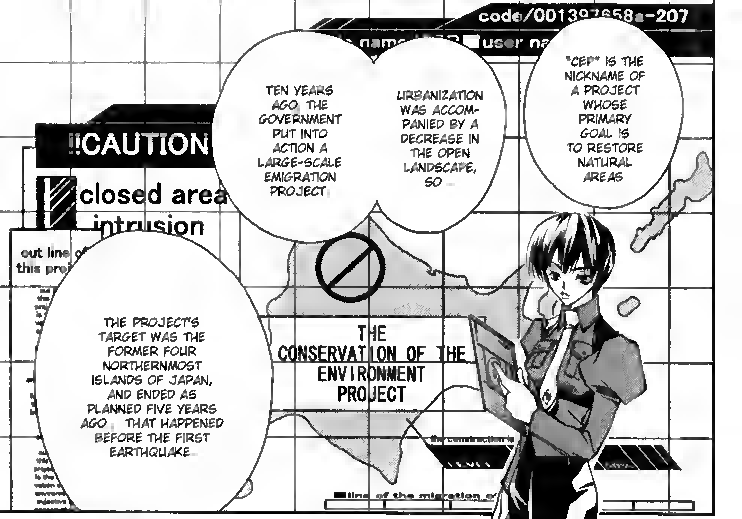
READ IT TO ME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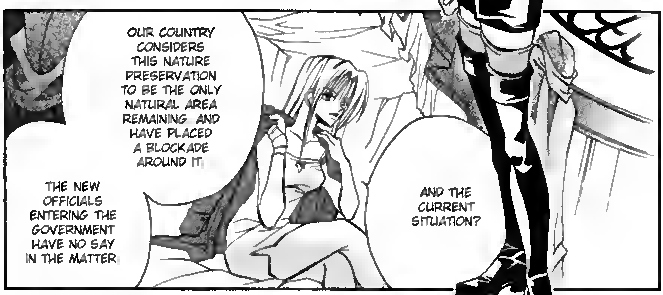
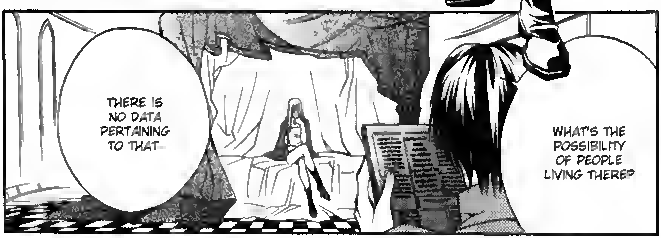
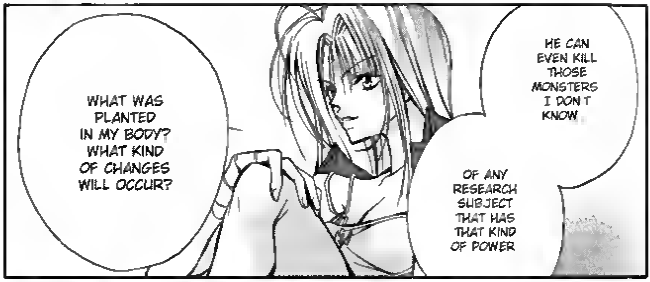
!!CAUTION
closed area
intrusion
out line of this pre
TEN YEARS AGO, THE GOVERNMENT PUT INTO ACTION A LARGE-SCALE EMIGRATION PROJECT.
URBANIZATION WAS ACCOMPANIED BY A DECREASE IN THE OPEN LANDSCAPE, SO...
"CEP" IS THE NICKNAME OF A PROJECT WHOSE PRIMARY GOAL IS TO RESTORE NATURAL AREAS.
THE PROJECT'S TARGET WAS THE FORMER FOUR NORTHERNMOST ISLANDS OF JAPAN, AND ENDED AS PLANNED FIVE YEARS AGO... THAT HAPPENED BEFORE THE FIRST EARTHQUAKE...
THE CONSERVATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT PROJECT
the construction's
LEVEL
line of the migration of


OUR COUNTRY CONSIDERS THIS NATURE PRESERVATION TO BE THE ONLY NATURAL AREA REMAINING AND HAVE PLACED A BLOCKADE AROUND IT.
THE NEW OFFICIALS ENTERING THE GOVERNMENT HAVE NO SAY IN THE MATTER.
AND THE CURRENT SITUATION?


THERE IS NO DATA PERTAINING TO THAT.
WHAT'S THE POSSIBILITY OF PEOPLE LIVING THERE?

CAN YOU REALLY BELIEVE THE STORY OF A MAN YOU JUST MET?
AND YET,
HE SAID HE CAME FROM THE NORTH...
THEN,
ARE YOU SAYING THE INVITATION TO ENTER NOA WAS SERIOUS AS WELL?
I LIKE MYSTERIOUS MEN.
AIKA, DON'T YOU WANT TO KNOW?


HE CAN EVEN KILL THOSE MONSTERS I DON'T KNOW
OF ANY RESEARCH SUBJECT THAT HAS THAT KIND OF POWER
WHAT WAS PLANTED IN MY BODY? WHAT KIND OF CHANGES WILL OCCUR?

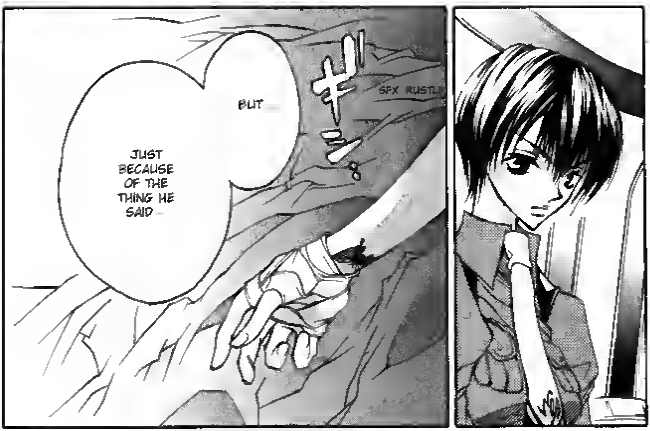
AND
WHAT IS THE THING THAT HE SAID WAS THE SOURCE OF THIS POWER?
—HE

IS THE CHANCE TO FIND THOSE ANSWERS.

BECAUSE HE KNOWS AN ORIGINAL
AND WHERE DOES IT COME FROM?
AT LEAST,
WE AND HIM HOLD POWER OF THE SAME NATURE
HE SAID I'M A REPLICA
HE CAN ONLY SAY THAT —
THE FACT THAT WE LIVE HERE
AND THAT HE WANTS TO FIND THAT THING,
— MEANS THAT OUR PATHS WILL DEFINITELY CROSS

IF WE..
ARE REPLICAS WHO ARTIFICIALLY STRODE THROUGH GOD'S DOMAIN,
I WONDER IF HE ISN'T THE ORIGINAL, WHO USED TO LIVE THERE...
EVEN IF IT MEANS RISKING MY POSITION UNDER YOU, I DON'T WANT TO KNOW THE SOURCE OF OUR POWER
YOU AND I ARE ALIKE IN THAT WE POSSESS THE SAME POWER
AS LONG AS THIS REALITY EXISTS I DON'T WANT ANYTHING ELSE.
TO ME KNOWING THAT...
...WOULD BE FRIGHTENING.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU WOULD ATTACH YOURSELF TO THAT MAN,
EVEN AT THE RISK OF LOSING EVERYTHING.
ANYONE WHO FEELS INSECURE IN THESE TIMES, OR JOINS NOA, DESIRES SUCH STRONG POWER.
IT SHOULD BE ALRIGHT FOR US TO CALL THAT THE ULTIMATE ACHIEVEMENT!
BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND!
I BECAME A MEMBER OF NOA BY UNDERGOING THAT EXPERIMENT.
THAT, MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE, IS THE HIGHEST POWER YOU CAN OBTAIN.


BUT...
JUST BECAUSE OF THE THING HE SAID...
SFX RUSTLE

HE AND I ARE SIMILAR IN SOME RESPECTS
HIS STRONG LOOK
THE MIRACLE—
IN ANY CASE, SOCIETY IS ALREADY GOING MAD
THE WORDS THAT LEFT HIS LIPS
PERHAPS WE WERE FATED TO MEET THERE—
AND YET, I'M TORN INSIDE
MY THOUGHTS KEEP COMING BACK TO THE MIRACLE

Atsuma.
That girl's invitation
Wasn't a bad one
What are you puzzling over?
We can't forget the reason for our purpose
Or
Are you afraid of her?

SCRATCH
I SAID SHUT UP...!

He, he. that reminds me.
You were asking that girl some interesting things.
clench
—SHUT UP.

How about your self?
"Why don't you want to break away from those chains"...!

ha ha ha
Do you want to be released from me?
SFX: GRAB

If the Miracle is there,

It's right next to her ——

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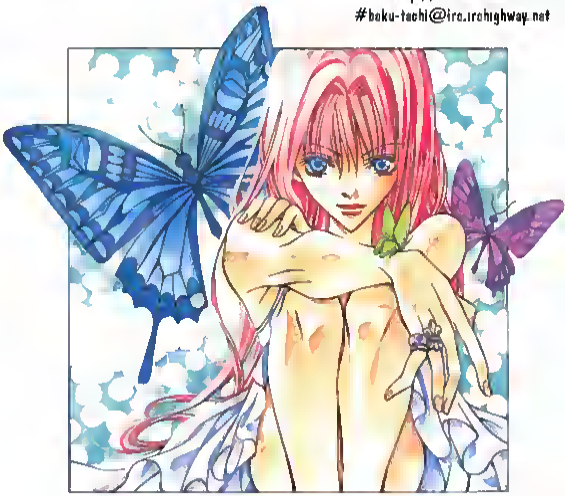

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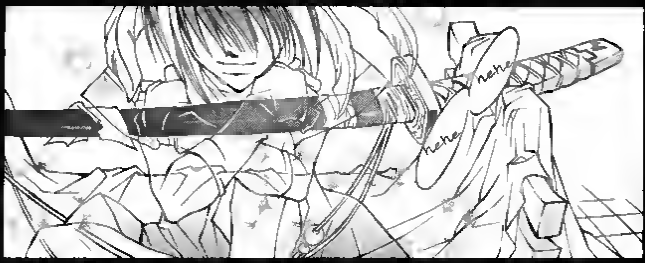
NOT KAMUI, YET NOT A HUMAN

HE IS THE MIRACLE'S BELOVED OFFSPRING.

NEVER LET ANYONE TOUCH IT.



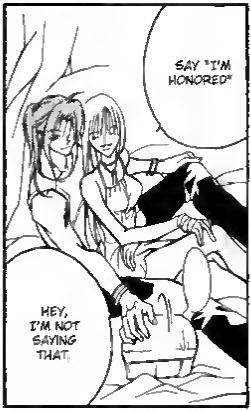
IF YOU BREAK THIS PROMISE,
DIVINE RETRIBUTION WILL FALL—

THE GROUND WILL TREMBLE AND CITIES WILL FALL.

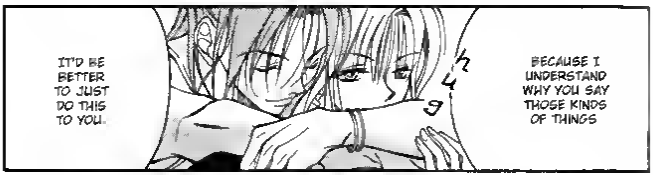
scuff
Where are you going?
SFX: TWIST
What's the reason for your important mission? To prevent destruction?
LET'S BRING ABOUT TOTAL DESTRUCTION!!

Eh?
Are you a good little boy?
SFX SPLASH
WHAT WOULD YOU KNOW?

HEY...
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT?
I...
JUST WANT YOU TO STAY HERE.
KYUSH
SHUI.

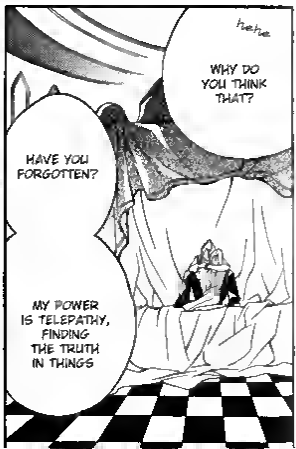

SAY "I'M HONORED"
HEY, I'M NOT SAYING THAT.

OF COURSE.


IT'D BE BETTER TO JUST DO THIS TO YOU.
BECAUSE I UNDERSTAND WHY YOU SAY THOSE KINDS OF THINGS

Hmph

EVEN IF YOU INTEND TO USE MY POWER, IT WON'T BE EASY...


hehe
WHY DO YOU THINK THAT?
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN?
MY POWER IS TELEPATHY, FINDING THE TRUTH IN THINGS

FOR A STRAY CAT
IF I EVER MEET THIS CAT
THE ANIMAL LOVER IN ME WILL TAME IT FOR YOU
THE PERSON YOU INVITED WILL COME TO YOU
Hehe
IS THIS ALSO YOUR TELEPATHY?
WHAT KIND OF PERSON ARE YOU?
SOME KIND OF ANIMAL LOVER WITH SUPERNATURAL POWERS?
SHOULD WE TRY TO KILL OR CAPTURE THAT CURIOUS PERSON?
Hmm
FOR OUR MASTER

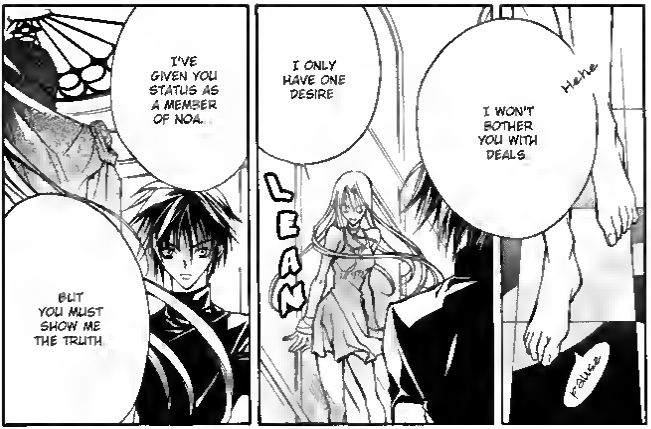
LADY SUMIRE,
IT'S TIME.
click
JUST KIDDING.
smile
YOU SHOULDN'T GLARE
YOU'LL NEVER LOOK SERENE LIKE THAT.
AND YOU'LL NEVER FEEL A MAN'S TOUCH
LEAVE NOW!
SURE THING OFFICER ♪

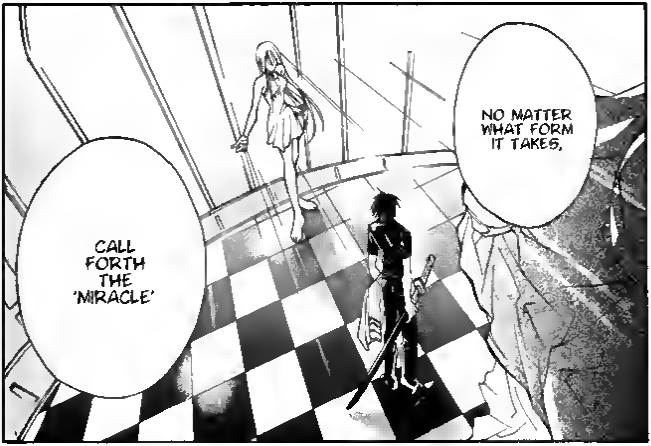
BEFORE I GO SUMIRE...
CAN I ASK A QUESTION?
THE CAT THAT SCRATCHED YOU...
DOES HE DRESS IN BLACK AND CARRY A SWORD?
DID YOU COME FROM A FARM?
REALLY AN ABANDONED CAT EH?
chuckle

COME ON IN AND GRAB A TOWEL AND SOME MILK, WON'T YOU?
DON'T BARE YOUR CLAWS AT ME, OKAY?
step
step

SHOW NOA'S NEWEST OFFICER AROUND...
AND GIVE HIM A ROOM AND UNIFORM AS WELL
!
I GUESS YOU WEREN'T LYING,
"LOVER"
BUT FOR NOW—
TIME TO WORK, AIKA
UNDER-STAND? THAT'S AN ORDER
WELCOME TO NOA.
YES MA'AM!

WELL, ATSUMA.
NOA'S NO LONGER AN IMMEDIATE THREAT TO YOU
BUT THAT ISN'T WHAT YOU WANTED TO KNOW.
...
ATSUMA.
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
I'M SUMIRE
I JUST WANT SOME INFORMATION WITHOUT HAVING TO GET IT MYSELF
WILL THAT SATISFY YOU?

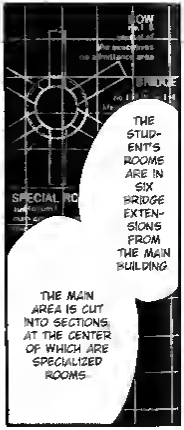

I'VE GIVEN YOU STATUS AS A MEMBER OF NOA.
BUT YOU MUST SHOW ME THE TRUTH.
I ONLY HAVE ONE DESIRE
I WON'T BOTHER YOU WITH DEALS.
Hehe
Pause
I CAN


NO MATTER WHAT FORM IT TAKES,
CALL FORTH THE 'MIRACLE'

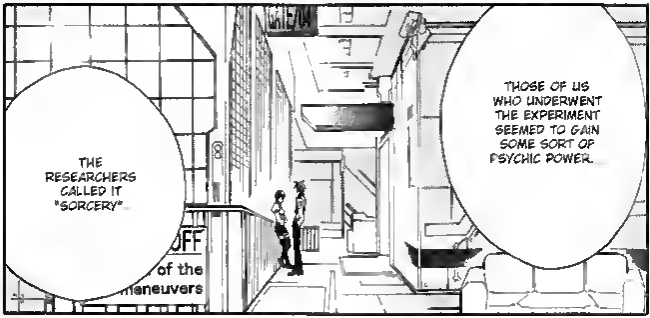
"NOA" STANDS FOR...
THE NOBLE OFFENSIVE ACADEMY.
IT'S PURPOSE IS TO OPPOSE THE ATANIAN... IT'S THE HEART OF THIS CITY.

THE STUDENT'S POTENTIALS AND RESULTING DUTIES DETERMINE THEIR RANK
BUT THERE IS A GREATER DISTINCTION IN RANKS THAN THAT

SO WE'RE ENTRUSTED WITH WEAPONS AND MILITARY VEHICLES
OUR MAIN DUTY IS TO PROTECT THE CITY.


THE STUDENT'S ROOMS ARE IN SIX BRIDGE EXTENSIONS FROM THE MAIN BUILDING
THE MAIN AREA IS CUT INTO SECTIONS AT THE CENTER OF WHICH ARE SPECIALIZED ROOMS.

AT THE BOTTOM ARE THE ORDINARY MEMBERS
THEN COMES THE SKY GENERAL AND THE EARTH GENERAL
THE MOST POWERFUL OF THE THREE "SUPREME LEADERS" IS THE COMMANDER
STUDENTS PRACTICE SORCERY HERE——
SORCERY ...?
AND HERE'S OUR DESTINATION, THE PRACTICE GROUNDS.
THEY TOLD THEM THAT THEIR HEALTHY YOUNG BODIES COULD HANDLE THE EXPERIMENT AND THAT THEY WOULD MAINTAIN THEIR FREE WILL ONLY THOSE TWO THINGS
WHEN THE RESEARCH ESTABLISHMENT ASKED TALENTED MEMBERS OF NOA TO PARTICIPATE
THE REST OF US SOON LEARNED ALL ABOUT THE PROJECT... AND THOSE FIRST RESEARCH SUBJECTS CAME TO BE OUR SUPREME LEADERS
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND THE NATURE OF SORCERY BUT YOU STILL——


THOSE OF US WHO UNDERWENT THE EXPERIMENT SEEMED TO GAIN SOME SORT OF PSYCHIC POWER...
THE RESEARCHERS CALLED IT "SORCERY"...
OFF
of the
maneuvers

THEY JUST CALMLY GAVE IT A NAME...!
Battle

I DON'T KNOW WHETHER YOU'RE FIGHTING THEM FOR SELF-SATISFACTION, OR IF IT'S ON MORAL GROUNDS, BUT IT'S HOPELESS
THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT YOU CAN FIGHT THE ATANAN FOR ALL ETERNITY
BUT IT'S JUST ANOTHER NAME FOR POWER

REWARDS, CURIOSITY, OR A DESIRE FOR POWER... THERE ARE MANY REASONS
AND YOU HAVE YOURS AS WELL?
DON'T BABBLE ON WHEN YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT
WHO WOULD SACRIFICE THEIR BODY FOR THOSE KINDS OF THINGS?

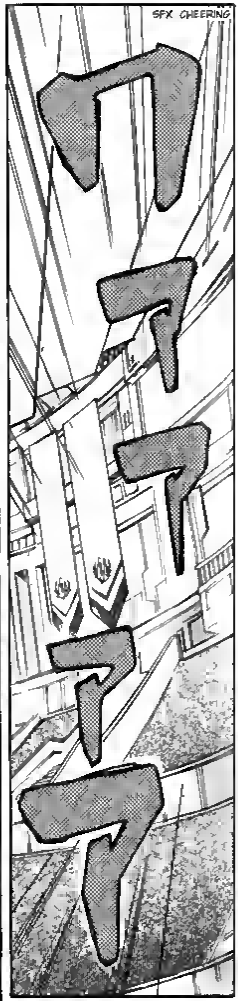
I DON'T WANT ANYTHING.
THIS BODY. THE ATANAN
THEY'RE JUST TOOLS TO KEEP ME NEAR THAT PERSON
IT'S TIME
LET'S HEAD TO THE AUDIT-ORIUM
THOSE THREE PEOPLE ARE OUR SUPREME LEADERS, THE MOST POWERFUL AMONG US— THEY WERE THE INITIAL RESEARCH SUBJECTS
THEY HEAD NOA.
step
step
THEY ALSO DECIDE WHO IS APPOINTED GOVERNOR OF THIS TOWN
squeek

click
THAT'S WHY THOSE THREE...
BUT THEN THEY REALIZE WITH AWE HOW GREAT THE DIFFERENCE IN POWER IS.
THEY EARNED THEIR POSITION AND THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE WHO WOULD LIKE TO TAKE IT FROM THEM.
SFX: WOMP
NOA
Noble Offe
ARE CALLED THE ULTIMATE BEINGS.

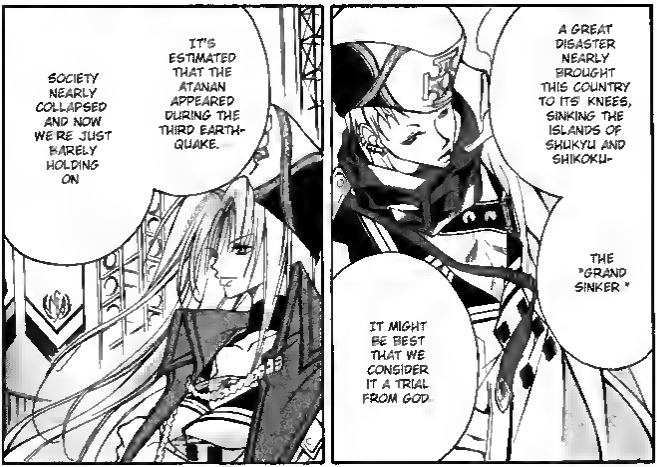
whoosh

silence
RAISE
THE PREVIOUS ERA

PASSED WHEN THE EARTH-QUAKES DID

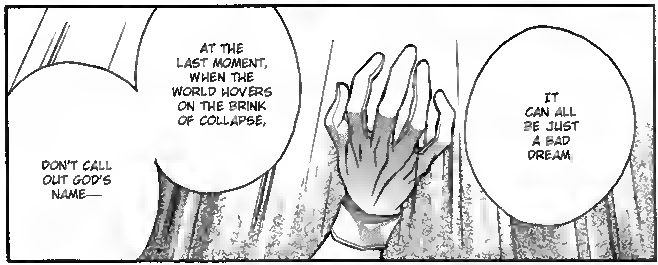

SFX CHEERING

AND HAVE ALL GATHERED TOGETHER HERE!
NOA
WE HAVE ACQUIRED NEW POWERS,


SOCIETY NEARLY COLLAPSED AND NOW WE'RE JUST BARELY HOLDING ON
IT'S ESTIMATED THAT THE ATANAN APPEARED DURING THE THIRD EARTH-QUAKE.
A GREAT DISASTER NEARLY BROUGHT THIS COUNTRY TO ITS KNEES, SINKING THE ISLANDS OF SHUKYU AND SHIKOKU-
THE "GRAND SINKER"
IT MIGHT BE BEST THAT WE CONSIDER IT A TRIAL FROM GOD.

THEY REQUESTED AID FROM US BUT LET IT GO TO WASTE
THE ELDERS, WHO CAME TO RULE BY PROMISING FREEDOM, DON'T WANT TO RESTORE THIS WORLD
RIGHT NOW, THOSE THINGS WE FIGHT HAVE MADE THIS WORLD THEIR OWN CUSTOM PARADISE
THE WAY THINGS STAND, WHAT ARE WE BOUND TO?

YOU DON'T NEED ANYTHING BUT ME TO SURVIVE UNTIL TOMORROW...
WE HAVE TO HURRY AND DESTROY WHATEVER IS CONTROLLING THEM
ABSORB THIS MOMENT OF FREEDOM... THE THREAT OF THE ATANAN WHICH DRAWS CLOSER, MUST BE CRUSHED


AT THE LAST MOMENT, WHEN THE WORLD HOVERS ON THE BRINK OF COLLAPSE,
DON'T CALL OUT GOD'S NAME—
IT CAN ALL BE JUST A BAD DREAM

CALL OUT MINE.
NOA
Noble Offensive Alliance
SFX: CHEERING

THAT LADY—
AND THAT MAN THERE ARE BOTH SUPREME LEADERS?
THAT PLATFORM HAS THREE SIDES—
OUR COMMANDER, LORD SHIKI
THE EARTH GENERAL LORD HYDE, AND THE SKY GENERAL LADY SUMIRE
THAT BALANCE OF POWER IS WHAT HOLDS NOA TOGETHER

THE STARVED BEAST OF THIS CITADEL
HERE IT IS— A TOUCH OF NOA'S TRUE CHARACTER, ITS DESIRE AND MURDEROUS INTENT
SEEMS YOU'RE ALSO BEING BRAIN-WASHED
FROM WHERE
—A SONG...?
IT CAN'T BE—
IT'S FAMILIAR
THIS VOICE...!

THAT GUY—!?
SFX BAM
MY, MY,
here kitty
SEEMS MY SONG MADE A CAT WANDER IN

KITTEN?
SHALL I SING YOU SOMETHING ELSE,
DIDN'T YOU LOVE LISTENING TO THAT?
YOU'VE GOT IT WRONG
THAT ISN'T VERY CUTE
YOU HEARD OUR LEADER'S SPEECH OF GRATITUDE?
I DON'T LIKE THAT SORT OF THING MYSELF. BUT—
THERE'RE LIKE A MILLION GUYS WHO WANT THE SUPREME LEADERS TO NOTICE THEM
IF YOU HAD BEEN PERSONALLY SELECTED BY LADY SUMIRE, AND HOLD HER FAVOR.
YOU WOULD DO ANYTHING TO MAINTAIN THAT RELATIONSHIP, RIGHT?
YOU'RE WRONG AGAIN.

I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU'RE PESTERING ME OR ASKING ME THINGS BUT...
I DON'T PLAN ON BECOMING HER PET DOG!
ME?
WHY DID SHE BRING ME HERE?
I DOUBT IT WAS JUST TO SATISFY HER LUST!
CAUGHT
YOU'RE...
HOVER

!
EVEN THOUGH
YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING.

—GAH...
ABOUT HER—
NOTHING!

GRIN

YOU SHOULD STICK TO GETTING HELP FROM AIKA.
I'M SHUI
NICE TO MEET YOU——

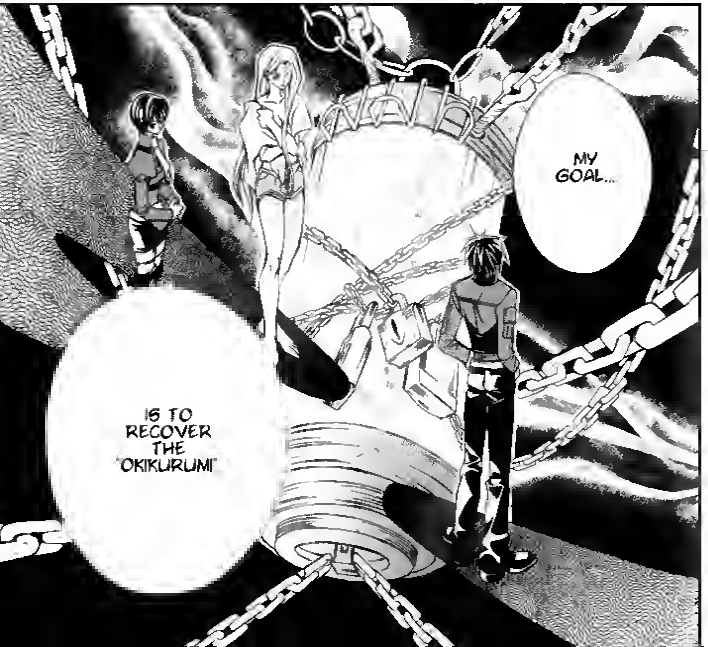
YOU'RE SO SELFISH ...
YOU REALLY ARE A STRAY CAT.
HIS...
ATSUMA
VOICE
rustle
AH WELL, CAN'T BE HELPED SHALL I SHOW OFF MY CULINARY SKILLS AND FEED YOU A DELICIOUS TREAT?
YOU'RE JUST LIKE A DARLING YOUNGER—
pat
BROTHER
JUMP

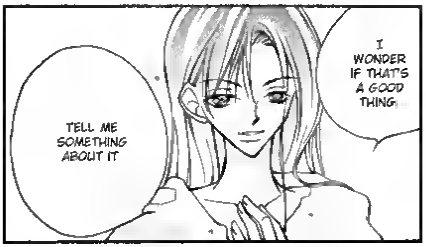
SEEMS HIS BODY'S INCREDIBLY LIGHT, TOO.
Just like a kitten.
LADY SUMIRE,
ONE THING'S FOR SURE—
I SHOULD BE ABLE TO TAME HIM.
TWIST
LAND

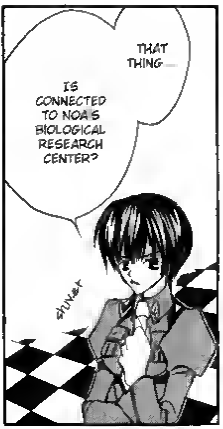
WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT NOA?
creak
FROM WHAT YOU'VE SEEN...
DRIZZLE
YOU POSSESS THE POWER TO RISE TO THE TOP OF THIS PLACE AS MY PUPIL
OR DOES THIS PLACE DISGUST YOU?
—IT DOESN'T
swish

THAT'S WONDERFUL.
IF YOU RECEIVE THIS POSITION FROM ME...
WILL YOU GIVE ME SOMETHING IN RETURN?
THIS PLACE DOESN'T GIVE ME...
A BAD FEELING.

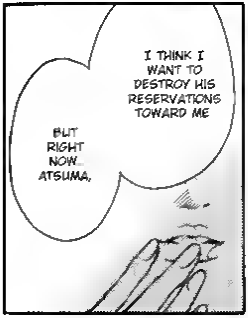
THAT'S SAID TO CONTAIN THE POWER OF THE MIRACLE
AN ANCIENT LIFE FORM,
WHAT'S THAT?
IT SHOULD BE LIVING HERE
THE "OKIKURUMI"


MY GOAL...
IS TO RECOVER THE "OKIKURUMI"

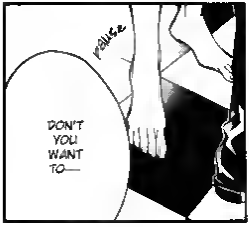

I WONDER IF THAT'S A GOOD THING
TELL ME SOMETHING ABOUT IT


THAT THING—
IS CONNECTED TO NOA'S BIOLOGICAL RESEARCH CENTER?
STUNK

I DON'T THINK IT'S CONNECTED TO YOUR COMMANDER


I THINK I WANT TO DESTROY HIS RESERVATIONS TOWARD ME
BUT RIGHT NOW... ATSUMA,

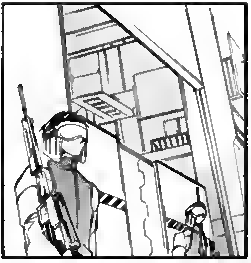
HEHE I ALREADY KNOW THAT
WHAT'S MORE, SHIKI NEVER ASKS WHAT I'M DOING OR BLAMES ME FOR ANYTHING

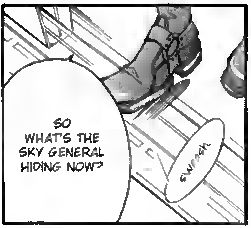

HUGE
DON'T YOU WANT TO—

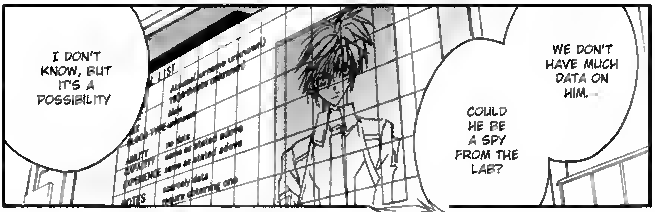
GET TO KNOW ME BETTER?
——!
SFX: SLAP
DON'T TOUCH ME...!
I—
YOU'VE GOT THE WRONG IDEA!

HAVE NO INTENTION OF SLEEPING WITH YOU!
SFX CRACKLE
LADY SUMIRE!
SLAP
I KNOW, BUT FIRST
WE DON'T KNOW HIS REAL MOTIVE!
HE'S STILL DANGER-OUS
I KNEW THAT FROM THE BEGINNING
THEN,
chuckle
WE HAVE TO START TRAINING HIM SOME-WHERE

I'M ALWAYS LEFT IN THE DARK,
COMMANDER.
clomp
clomp




SO WHAT'S THE SKY GENERAL HIDING NOW?
swish


WE DON'T HAVE MUCH DATA ON HIM.
COULD HE BE A SPY FROM THE LAB?
I DON'T KNOW, BUT IT'S A POSSIBILITY

THEY LET US DO WHATEVER WE WANT SO LET'S NOT COMPLAIN
WE SHOULD JUST WELCOME HIM IN POLITELY AND RESPECTFULLY
—WHEN DO YOU WANT HIM DEAD?

HOW KIND OF YOU.
SSSSH
SUMIRE'S ACTIVITIES ARE WORRYING ME
—NOT NOW.
LET'S WATCH FOR A BIT AND SEE WHAT SHE DOES.
HMMM
SURE
THERE ARE TIMES WHEN NOT KNOWING WHAT KIND OF MEAT IT IS MAKES EATING IT ALL THE MORE DELICIOUS.
GLOMP
THAT WOMAN'S GROSS. BUT...
SHE'S GOOD TASTE
MY KIND COMMANDER
IF YOU'RE DONE FOOLING AROUND WITH ME CAN I GET GOING NOW?
GLOMP
GLOMP

I WONDER WHAT KINDS OF SPICES,
ARE IN THAT GUY'S FLESH AND BLOOD.
SWOOSH
GENERAL...

BASED ON WHAT HE SAID,
IT SEEMS WE HAVE A SECRET LAB.

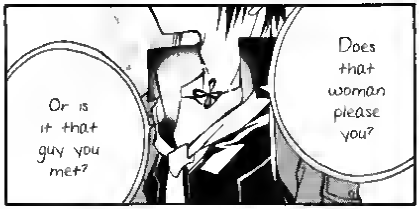
ATSUMA.
WHAT DOES HE HOPE TO FIND HIDDEN IN NOA?

A CONNECTION TO WHAT HE'S SEARCHING FOR.

THE RIPPLES THAT SPREAD OUT FROM BORING OLD NOA...
ONLY THAT

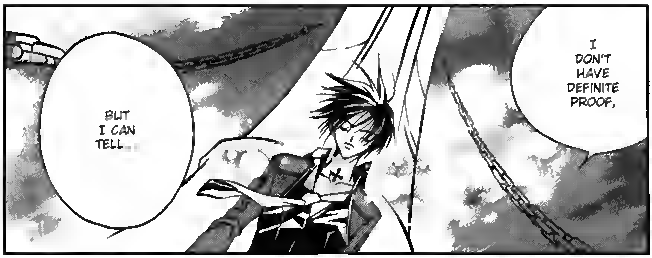
ISN'T THIS GETTING FUN?

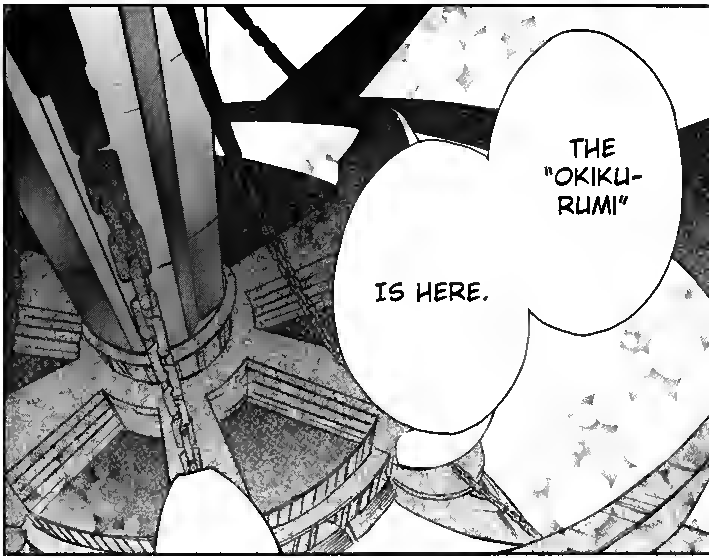
Why did you tell her that?
We still haven't found proof of anything


Does that woman please you?
Or is it that guy you met?

—Or, are you chasing that man's shadow?
hehe
THAT'S NOT IT!

THE "OKIKURUMI" ...


I DON'T HAVE DEFINITE PROOF,
BUT I CAN TELL...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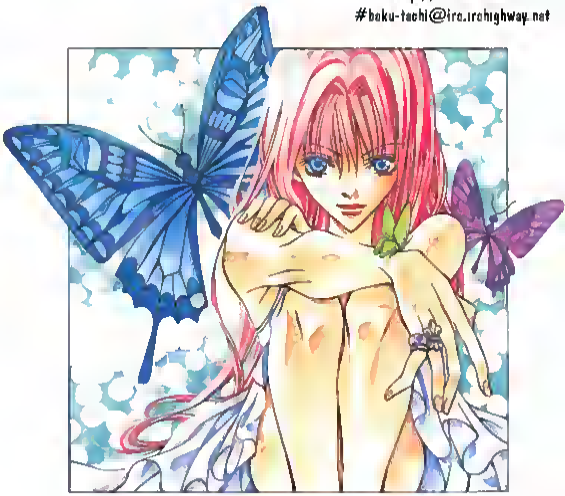

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BANG
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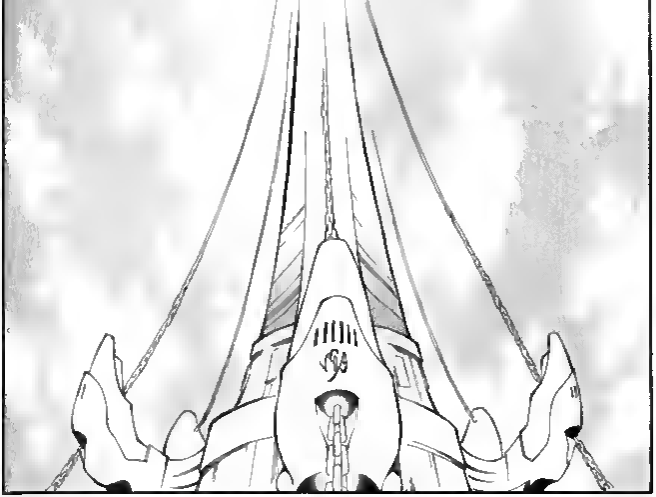
LOAD UNIFORMLY
CONTROL ROOM
AUDITORIUM



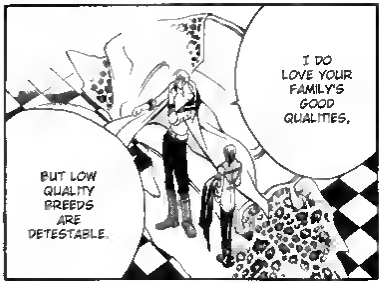
IT'S TIME FOR YOUR MI~LK
SWOOSH
OH ATSUMAAA~

IT'S FINE TO BE FICKLE,
BUT WANDERING AROUND ALONE JUST AFTER HE ENTERED ISN'T EXACTLY A GOOD THING

WHAT'S WITH THIS?
HE'S ALREADY WANDERING AROUND?

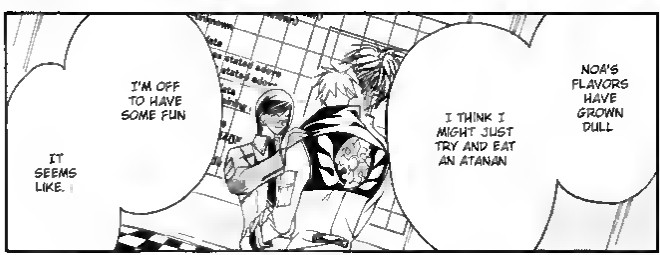
FOR THE SAKE OF ONE LOST KITTEN.
I GUESS I SHOULD TRY TO SNIFF HIM OUT
AT THAT TIME, SKY GENERAL SUMIRE SOUGHT THIS MAN OUT AND OFFERED HIM ENTRANCE INTO NOA
AN ATAVAN THAT COULD FLY APPEARED IN THE CITY AND WAS QUICKLY DEFEATED.
A FEW DAYS AGO,
NAME
Atsuma(surname unknown)
10(birthdate unknown)
Male
unknown
no data
same as stated above
same as stated above
scarcely data
require obtaining one
0424/ny1975-25
S-II/00773405
TEN-I
under the direct supervision of SU
PERSONAL
IS HE HER CURRENT LITTLE WAR TROPHY?
WHAT'S MORE WE HAVE ALMOST NO DATA ON HIM.
HIS CLASSES UP TO NOW HAVE DEALT WITH BEING AN OFFICER UNDER THE SKY GENERAL

LORD HYDE
AN INVESTI-GATION SHOWED THAT HE HAS A POWER LIKE SORCERY
AND ALSO THAT IT SEEMS TO BE A TERRIBLE BURDEN TO HIM.
GRASP
YANAGI
DO I HAVE YOUR PERMISSION TO SERVE YOU IN THIS?


I DO LOVE YOUR FAMILY'S GOOD QUALITIES.
BUT LOW QUALITY BREEDS ARE DETESTABLE.

Huff

IF THIS SITUATION STARTS TO STRESS YOU, KILL SOME ATANAN
I KNOW YOU LIKE THAT


NOA'S FLAVORS HAVE GROWN DULL
I THINK I MIGHT JUST TRY AND EAT AN ATANAN
I'M OFF TO HAVE SOME FUN
IT SEEMS LIKE.

THAT WOMAN MIGHT HAVE LIVENED THINGS UP AROUND HERE
Hmph.
IF THAT'S THE CASE
WHAT SHOULD I REWARD HER WITH?

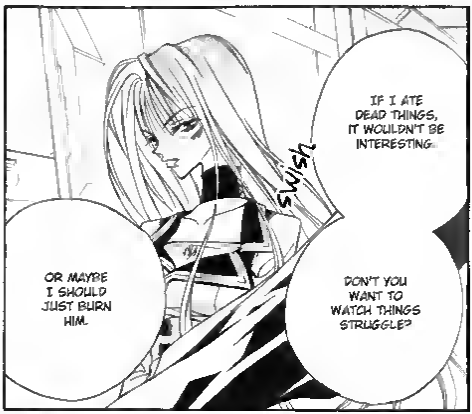
YOU'VE ALREADY SUCKED DRY...
THIS CAST-OFF SKIN YOU WEAR
THAT'S A GOOD IDEA.
AS USUAL, YOU HAVE...
GOOD TASTE
SWOOSH
SMILE
SO YOU SAY

YOU HAVE A LOVELY FACE
click
MIND IF I STOP TO WORSHIP IT?

SW-S BOW
5th
THE THIRD FOOR
THERE ARE SOME ANIMALS THAT YOU CAN'T TAME
PRINCESS
WANT ME TO BREAK HIM FOR YOU?
he he
ONE OF THE THINGS YOU EAT MIGHT JUST CUT UP YOUR THROAT
WOULD THAT WORK OUT? YOU ARE POWERFUL,
BUT YOU HAVE A BAD HABIT OF TRYING TO GNAW ON THINGS

...THAT'D BE NICE

IT'D KEEP MY BODY FROM BEING TOO CROWDED

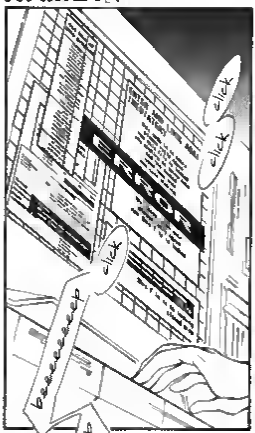

IF I ATE DEAD THINGS, IT WOULDN'T BE INTERESTING.
SWISH
DON'T YOU WANT TO WATCH THINGS STRUGGLE?
OR MAYBE I SHOULD JUST BURN HIM.

CLOMP
CLOMP
SEEMS YOU LOST YOUR VOICE, PRINCESS

OH, I HAVE.
NOTHING AGAINST HIM
HE DOESN'T HAVE THE DIGNITY OR PRIDE TO CALL HIMSELF A SUPREME LEADER!

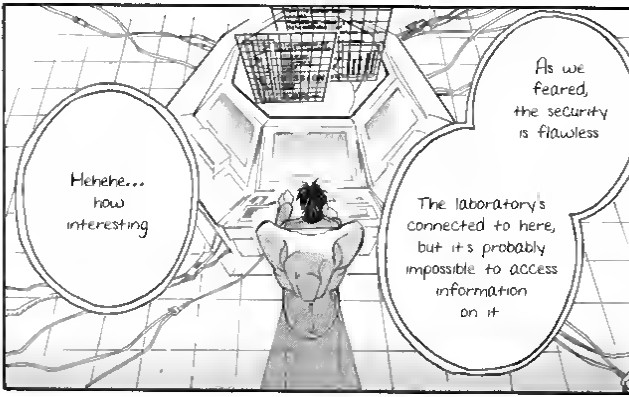
THAT MAN...!
MASH
FSSH

HE CAN'T TAKE ANYTHING OF MINE
SINCE HE'S THAT SORT OF A GUY,
AIKA
SINCE SHUI'S AROUND TRAINING HIM
EVEN IF THAT'S SO, THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT HIM. .
BUT I ALSO HAVEN'T SEEN ATSUMA SINCE THIS MORNING
INSTEAD OF WORRYING ABOUT HIM BEING CAUGHT.
---?
YOU DON'T KNOW EVERYTHING


ERROR
click
click
beeeeeeep
beeeeeep

KEEP OUT
I'D RATHER WORRY ABOUT A MAN LIKE SHU!

beeeeeep
Another error?


Hehehe... how interesting
As we feared, the security is flawless
The laboratory's connected to here, but it's probably impossible to access information on it

What they call 'science' is chaos
People desperately drown themselves in it
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
Freeze
BUT IT REALLY JUST HINDERS THEM,
LOCKING PEOPLE IN THEIR HOMES AND KEEPING THE OUTSIDE WORLD AT A DISTANCE
CALL IT RETRIBUTION
Angry now, are we?
You haven't even considered any other ways to break through
...I KNOW

BUT THEN, YOU'RE...
hehe
SHIKI'S RIVAL.
YOU REALLY ARE SMART
I'VE BEEN WANTING TO MEET THE MAN WHO'S BEEN TROUBLING THE SUPREME LEADERS.
ATSUMA
BUT...

SFX: SWISH
YOU MUSTN'T CAUSE ANY MISCHIEF.

THEY COULDN'T TAKE THE MODIFICATIONS, AND WENT MAD. THEY WERE RESTRAINED, BUT...
SFX: CLANK
YOU WOULDN'T MIND KEEPING THEM COMPANY FOR A WHILE, RIGHT?
THOSE THINGS ARE THE MODIFIED BODIES OF THOSE WHO WISHED TO BE ENHANCED...
UUGGGH
THE "DARK SOLDIERS".

!
SFX: CHEERING
NOT TO SHIKI.
IT'S POINTLESS IF THEY DIE.
YOU DON'T EVEN UNDERSTAND THE TRUE NATURE OF SORCERY, YET YOU'RE EXPERIMENTING TO MODIFY HUMANS.
SFX: CHEERING
THIS IS STUPID.

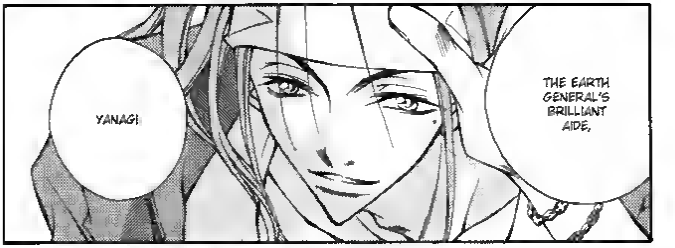
GAIIRI!
!?
RUSH
Atsuma...
...SHIT.
This many could be troublesome
What are you going to do?

KITTEN~
LOST,
LOST,
SFX: BAM BAM
WHERE...
ARE...
HI~DING?
YOU...
SFX: SMASH

WOOF.
say hi to the policedog :3
SFX: CLANG

IF IT ISN'T THE SKY GENERAL'S SHUI HIMSELF... YOUR INFAMOUS REPUTATION PRECEDES YOU
NOW, NOW, WHAT'S THIS?
I HAD TO FIND MY FAMILY'S LOST CAT
WHISK
STEP
DO YOU HAVE SOME OFFICIAL BUSINESS HERE?
SO THE DARK SOLDIERS ARE SOME KIND OF SUBSTITUTE CAT TOY?
BUT, SINCE IT'S SUCH A VALUABLE CAT, YOU SHOULD GIVE IT A COLLAR.
STEP
STEP
AHH, SHIKI WAS JUST HELPING.
SMACK
SFX: THUD
EVEN MORE SO IF IT'S A RARE BREED.

EVEN IF THAT'S HOW YOU SEE THINGS, THIS IS COMPLETELY ILLEGAL.
ALTHOUGH YOU PROBABLY THINK THIS ISN'T OVER.
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S OVERKILL TO USE THE DARK SOLDIERS AGAINST ONE CAT?


YANAGI.
THE EARTH GENERAL'S BRILLIANT AIDE,

slide
THAT I CAN LOSE?
DO YOU HONESTLY THINK...

TO CONTROL THAT WHICH HAS POWER.
THAT IS NOA'S REASON FOR EXISTENCE!
NOW YOU'VE GONE AND UPSET THE CAT.
GEEZ,
punch
CLASH
THAT WOMAN ALSO HAS FREE REIGN.
TO DO WHATEVER SHE LIKES HERE
SIX BASH
DOES THAT MEAN...
YOU CAME HERE JUST TO GET INVOLVED
SO WHAT'S YOUR PLAN?

HEY
YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT LITTLE OLD ME?
SFX: SMASH
SFX: FLIP
DON'T YOU GET IT? SINCE THESE GUYS ARE MINDLESS,
WOULD THEY EVEN CARE IF THEY DIED?
hehe
You don't
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS?
CLACK

You're just too naive, Atsuma.
SFX: ZUSH

!!
grasp

WHEN YOU RE GANGED UP ON LIKE THIS,
YOU NEED ROOM.

SFX: BOOM
SFX: WHOOSH
!?
SFX: SWISH

ゴキキキ
キィィィ

splat
CLACK
THAT'S AWESOME
PERFECT TEAMWORK!

BONK
....!
RIGHT?
SEX...BEST
IT WAS JUST LUCK
SIGH
DON'T BE SO COLD
I'M HARDLY SATISFIED WITH THIS OUTCOME JUST TO LET YOU KNOW...
MAYBE YOU?
LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE ALL OUT OF THAT KIND OF CAT TOY
IS THERE ANOTHER KIND IN STOCK FOR HIM TO TRY?

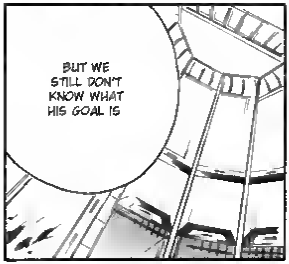
SO YOU'RE LOYAL TO YOUR MASTER, HUH?
I GUESS SHIKI'S JUST LIKE HIM

HE WILL BE TOLD IF I'M INJURED

BRUSH
I WONDER IF YOU'RE SHIKI'S TOO...?
!

YOUR LINEAGE IS CERTAINLY BETTER THAN MINE, RIGHT?
haha
SLOP
RANK TRIPLE S
WHICH MEANS
THE DATA FROM TODAY'S FIGHT...
SSS
haha
haha
RUSTLE
THE DATA'S FAULTY
AS YOU SAY, MY LORD
SFX: STEP
THAT WAS ALL THEY WERE CAPABLE OF
DUE TO THE LOSS OF THE DARK SOLDIERS, NOA'S WAR POWER CAN'T ESCAPE A TEMPORARY DECLINE, BUT...

WERE THEY EVEN A LITTLE HELPFUL?
COMMANDER SHIKI...
I'VE CAUSED YOU QUITE A BIT OF TROUBLE
YANAGI
JUST TWO PEOPLE CREATED THIS MESS.
AND LADY SUMIRE...
SHE SHOULD GIVE UP THAT DANGEROUS MAN.


BUT WE STILL DON'T KNOW WHAT HIS GOAL IS

HMPH, I MIGHT NOT EVEN BE THIS STRONG
HOW MODEST OF YOU

HYDE'S ON THE MOVE.
IN THE MIDST OF ALL THIS, THE SETTING SHOULD ALSO GRADUALLY BECOME CLEAR

BEFORE THE GRAND SINKER NOA'S ABILITY TO DO WHAT WE PLEASED WAS OPPOSED BY POLITICAL POWER.
LISTENING TO THE SPY FROM OUR SUPERIORS WAS APPROPRIATE
IT SEEMED LIKE HE WOULD INVESTIGATE NOA FROM THE GROUND UP,
AND IN ALL PROBABILITY WAS SENT FROM A COMPLETELY SEPARATE ORGANIZATION

YOU'VE BEEN IN COMPLIANCE WITH HIS INSPECTION AND REPORT
UP UNTIL NOW

HOWEVER, SINCE YOU'RE LORD HYDE'S EQUAL, IT'LL ALL WORK OUT.
hehe
...LIKE A LOYAL DOG.

GOODBYE
step
I SHOULD BE RETURNING NOW,
step
THOUGH IF PEOPLE THOUGHT THAT I'D GONE AFTER NEW WAR TROPHIES, I'D BE WORRIED

.....
step

AFTER THIS, WE WON'T HAVE ANY KIND OF INFORMATION OR CONTACT WITH THEM
SHUI COULD BE PROWLING AROUND ANYWHERE!
HMM
YOU'RE UNUSUALLY DISTRAUGHT, AIKA.
ABANDONING HIS DUTY IS A VIOLATION OF THE RULES! AS HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER, I

IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE JEALOUS THAT SHUI IS CAPTIVATED.

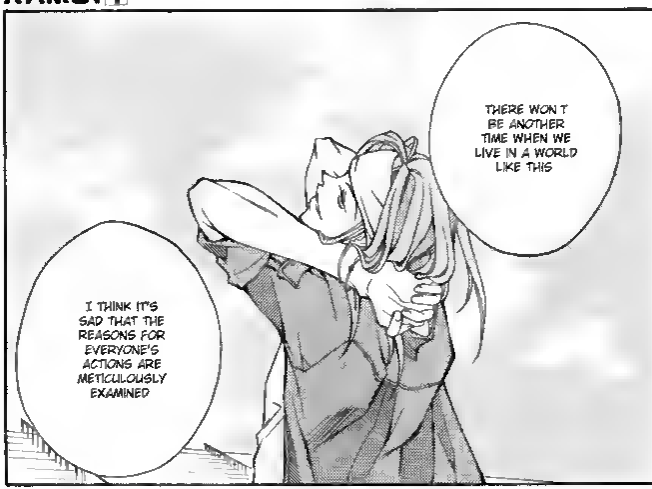
AS FOR ME.
he he
AM I WRONG?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN!
WHY WOULD I——
I'M DONE BEING JEALOUS——
BECAUSE I CAN'T GO.
SCRAPE

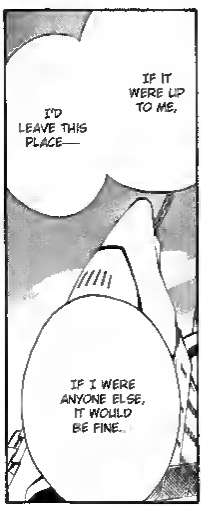
...?
BEYOND THIS PLACE.
LADY SUMIRE?
CAN BE NEAR ME...
NO ONE...

IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE TAKEN A MORNING STROLL
IT'S GREAT EXERCISE

WELL, THEY SAY YOU CAN'T GET ALONG WITH EVERYONE
IF YOU WERE TAMED, DON'T YOU THINK NOA WOULD BE A NICE COMFY PLACE?

AND IF YOU LIVED HERE, YOU'D BE IN THE CAPITAL.
...WHY AREN'T YOU ASKING ME ANYTHING?


THERE WON'T BE ANOTHER TIME WHEN WE LIVE IN A WORLD LIKE THIS
I THINK IT'S SAD THAT THE REASONS FOR EVERYONE'S ACTIONS ARE METICULOUSLY EXAMINED


IF IT WERE UP TO ME,
I'D LEAVE THIS PLACE—
IF I WERE ANYONE ELSE, IT WOULD BE FINE..

IF...
THEY'RE CHASING AFTER ME..

THOUGH I WANT TO,
THE RULES ARE THAT I CAN'T INTERFERE WITH THAT GUY, EVEN IF HE KILLS FOR FUN!

YOU'RE JUST LIKE A CUTE YOUNGER BROTHER.
SCUFF
WHATEVER YOU SAY.
ATSUMA.
I'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOU AGAIN ONLY WITHOUT THIS MORNING'S LITTLE FORAY.
JUST LIKE NOW.

Do you understand? Already—

The time of destruction is drawing near

For whose sake did you enter this organization?
For whose sake did you come to this city?
Don't forget, Atsuma

In order to put a stop to this crazy world,
We must regain...
The stolen god,
The "Okiku-rumi"——

We can't afford...

Any delay.
SFX: WHOOSH
KAMUI 1 END

Notes:

Well folks, this takes us to the end of volume 1! We hope you have enjoyed this series thus far. At the current time, there are currently 7 volumes so you can expect things to start getting interesting very soon! We'd love to hear your comments on this series thus far so, drop us a line at boku-tachi@boku-tachi.net, via our feedback form at http://www.boku-tachi.net or just tell us what you think in our channel #boku-tachi@irc.irctoo.net.

Thanks!

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